

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on May 4, 2007.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pettey (U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2003/0014544) in view of Moore et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,000,015).

Applicant has provided attached herewith, a Rule 1.131 declaration showing prior invention and reduction to practice of all of the elements of the claims of the application prior to the filing date of Pettey on February 15, 2001. In view of the rule 1.131 declaration, the Pettey reference is no longer applicable, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection of claims 1-31 has been overcome, and that claims 1-31 are in condition for allowance.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

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priority of the present patent application, and to request rejoinder of any withdrawn claim, as required by MPEP § 821.04.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at 860-673-4963 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

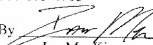
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